

# **New Domain Name**

Welcome to <a href="www.LongviewTexas.gov">www.LongviewTexas.gov</a> [1], the new official domain name for the City of Longview, Texas! We hope you find the updated website to be helpful as the primary resource for City government information.

## Why Change the Domain Name?

Simplicity and security.

First, in terms of simplicity, the new domain <a href="www.LongviewTexas.gov">www.LongviewTexas.gov</a> [1] is easier to say, read, and type than our previous domain <a href="www.ci.longview.tx.us">www.ci.longview.tx.us</a> [2]. The new domain also updates city email addresses. Previously, city staff and citizens commented that it was difficult to communicate a staff email address over the phone.

Second, in terms of security, domain names that end in .gov are only available to qualified government entities. Unlike other domains, the .gov domain names are subject to additional restrictions and policies. The .gov domain also brings some additional security benefits to help prevent some types of internet problems.

As such, the .gov domain has become the standard choice for cities, states, and federal agencies.

### New or Improved Features on the City of Longview Website

- Easier access to social media
- Prominent display of recent news
- Addition of photo gallaries for varioius events
- Availability of RSS feeds on select pages
- New contact management form that makes it easy to send comments and concerns
- Creation of a city event calendar
- Customized sites for the Fire Department, Partners in Prevention, Parks and Recreation, and the Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Complex
- (Coming soon) Mobile Site for use on smart phones or other mobile devices
- Most popular links listed at the bottom of each page
- · New menus for easies browsing

#### **Possibility of Temporary Errors**

During the transition to the updated domain name, it is possible that there may be some broken links or other minor errors on the website. The City of Longview asks that website visitors remain patient as City staff work to upgrade the website.

**Source URL:** <a href="http://longviewtexas.gov/new-domain-name">http://longviewtexas.gov/new-domain-name</a>

#### Links:

[1] http://www.LongviewTexas.gov

[2] http://www.ci.longview.tx.us



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